

# LOW LIGHTING COSTS QUOTED

## Women's Club and P.-T. A. Endorse School Bond Proposal

### Prices For Forty Types Presented Committeemen

Quotations for System in Torrance Very from \$90,000 to \$125,000, But Figures Mean Little Until Studied and Tabulated

#### EXPERTS SAY TORRANCE PRICES LOW RECORD

Mayor's Committee to Study Various Estimates and Meet Again Next Tuesday Night to Hear Engineer Leonard's Report

The cost of ornamental lights in Torrance will be lower than those which have prevailed in any other city in Southern California, according to experts who listened to the guaranteed estimates on various types of lighting systems which were opened before the mayor's special lighting committee at the City Hall Tuesday night.

In every case but one estimates were accompanied by bonds to guarantee that eventual official bids will not exceed the estimates.

Pre-bids on all varieties of lighting posts were received—concrete steel, combination cast iron and steel tubing, and cast iron. Estimates on 46 different varieties of systems were received.

Prices for the installation of a complete system throughout the city varied widely. Some of the bids were entered on a per conduit foot basis, some on a total cost basis, some on cost for each division, residence, semi-business, business and combination light and trolley poles.

Prices Vary Widely While comparisons should be avoided until estimates can be subjected to closer scrutiny to ascertain what the proposed specifications include in the way of illumination equipment, the estimates revealed that the total cost of installing a system in Torrance will run somewhere between \$90,000 and \$125,000.

An aggregate of 79,834 feet of street frontage are to be illuminated. That amounts to more than 15 miles. It is divided as follows: residence district, 40,840 feet to be lighted with single unit; semi-business district, 27,193 feet, to be lighted by single unit with pole higher than in residence area; business district, 8410 feet to be lighted by double standard unit; Cabrillo avenue as far south as Carson street, 3991 feet, to be lighted with double standard using combination trolley and lighting post.

Prices for Districts Estimates on costs for each district varied according to the type of equipment quoted.

Estimates for the residence district varied, between \$32,525 and \$45,835.

Estimates for the semi-business district varied between \$26,545 and \$32,400.

Estimates for the business district varied between \$15,572 and \$21,260.

Estimates for the combination trolley-lighting post system varied between \$14,826 and \$26,654.

The Herald publishes these figures merely to give property owners an idea of possible costs. The figures should not be accepted as significant for it is possible that high bids when investigated may prove to include more complete specifications than do the lower quotations. This possibility was brought out time and again during the reading of the estimates when it was revealed that some estimates included safety pot-heads, refractors, etc. and that posts on different proposals varied in weight and height.

Illumination Problem One of the problems before the committee is to secure a lighting unit which will throw light far enough to provide adequate illumination between posts, particularly in the residence district. In the interest of economy City Engineer Leonard planned the posts somewhat wide apart, realizing that it would cost less to provide more efficient lighting units than to install additional posts. As a result of this it is possible that some of the low quotations do not provide for lighting efficiency such as will be required. That this may be true is indicated by the variance of estimates for different systems proposed by individual companies.

One company quoting on sixteen different types put in aggregate figures which varied from \$106,000 to \$110,000.

Few of the estimates included necessary engineering fees, such as the cost of spreading assessments, etc.

The following companies presented estimates: H. H. Walker Company; Union Metal Company; Fritz Ziebart; The Marbellite Company of America; The Western Lighting Company; The Taper Tube Pole Company; the Westinghouse Electric Company.

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### Observations

The Middle Class Casts About for a Place to 'Vacation'—Mr. Wrigley and Catalina—It Looks Like Hoover vs. Smith—Who for, Vice President?

By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

THE great American middle-class, like the melancholy gentleman in the song, is, as far as pleasure resorts are concerned, all dressed up and no place to go. At least the resorts which beckon invitingly to the persons who constitute the backbone of the country are getting mighty few and far between.

Consider for a moment this depressing situation. A middle-class family of moderate means wishes to repair to a restful resort where the children will enjoy themselves with safety and with not too much excitement.

TIME was when such a group could enjoy a quiet few days at the beaches. But the nearby resorts have become so festooned with hurdy-gurdies, roller coasters, Coney Island-like concessions, and the crowds are so dense that one with little folks veers away from them.

True, if one goes south some distance from the metropolitan area he will find some lovely and quiet places such as Laguna Beach. But the improvement of highways is bringing these rest spots so close to the big city that they too are becoming week-end hotbeds.

THE only seaside resorts where a middle-class family may repair for amusement of a calm nature for the children are becoming rather expensive. The price of exclusiveness is high. Yet as time passes, to secure safety with quiet away from the blatant hot-dog vendors and the roller coasters one must needs seek some exclusive resort, where a high price shuts the gate to the multitude.

Most places of amusement and most summer resorts cater either to the great crowds or to the small minority. After all resorts are in business to make money. They must make it by large volume of business done with huge crowds at low prices or with a small volume done with the minority at prices beyond the purses of the middle class.

ALL of which places a very large and jaunty feather in the broad-brimmed hat of one William Wrigley, chewing gum, baseball teams, steamboats and island possessions.

Mr. Wrigley is developing Catalina Island for the great middle-class. It is safe for children. The cost of a sojourn is not excessive.

Peasures abound, but they are not the sort one finds at a Coney Island or a Venice pier.

FORTUNATELY for the middle class of Southern California Mr. Wrigley has taken every precaution against ultra-exclusiveness by the road of exorbitant prices. At the same time he has not made the place a magnet for crowds who delight in hurling balls at the heads of blackfaced individuals, who when struck grin broadly. I defy anyone sojourning on the island to find one of those amazingly uncouth concessions—where over-painted girls with tired eyes sit on trapezes, which when struck with a baseball at three for a dime turn turtle and cast the blonde gals to earth to the merriment of the onlookers. There isn't any such thing at Catalina.

Far be it from me to deny the public such simple pleasures, but it is refreshing and assuring to know that there is at least one oceanic resort where one may escape the roar of the roller coaster, the jam of the traffic, the carbon-monoxide of the highway and acid odor of perspiring mobs milling about in front of a midway playing expensive and idiotic games.

ONE doesn't have to be a snob to enjoy a resort where his family may find repose and the quiet, restoring pleasures of fishing, boating and hiking at reasonable cost.

It is a fortunate thing for us that the man who owns Catalina has the good sense not to spoil the magic tale. Without question he could make more money out of his steamers and out of the island if he would open it up to the Coney Island type of pleasure. But he would do it at the cost of cheapening a national asset. He deserves credit for his refusal to do so.

LAST week perusal of the pro-Smith delegate list convinced us that the governor of New York would have a tough time landing the nomination at Houston next month. Since then we have gone over the list again. With the delegates already under the Smith banner the gentleman from the sidewalks of New York already has the nomination sewed under the sweat-band of his brown derby. We despise predictions, but only an idiot or a Hot-tent in the face of the reports so far in would deny that it will be Hoover vs. Smith.

ABOUT the only thing party leaders are studying now is on which ballot the secretary of commerce and the governor will be nominated. There was a move to send Smith in by acclamation. Calmer judgment, however, dictated that it would be in the interest of party harmony to allow delegations to vote for favorite sons on the first ballot. The same idea may hold sway at Kansas City. But at this writing it seems certain that Hoover will be nominated by the G. O. P. and Smith by the Democrats. If you are a gambler don't bet any other way.

ALREADY leaders in each party are casting about for vice presidential material. The Democrats will unquestionably nominate a day. He will be either from Ohio, Indiana or one of the states bordering on the solid south, it is assumed.

The Republicans will also name a man whose geographical nativity is right. He will come from one of the doubtful states. He might come from the East. Many eyes are turned to Governor Fuller of Massachusetts, but it is our bet that he will come from the middle west.

THIS year one who would enjoy the spectacle of the national conventions need not perspire in Kansas City or sweat under a June sun in Texas. For the first time both great political conventions will be broadcast in their entirety to the world. Nationally known announcers will describe every scene on the floor at Kansas City and Houston and every speech will go out over the air to millions of listeners.

### STEALING IN CITY GROWS

Sneak Thieves Enter Two Houses, Steal Groceries and Goods

CHILD'S PURSE EMPTIED Auto Strippers Active; Calder Issues Advice to the Public

Thieves of several types are active in Torrance. Police records show reports of automobile thefts, sneak thieving and the stripping of cars parked on streets.

Thieves entered the home of C. B. Young at 1917 230th street Saturday evening and escaped with all the groceries the family had purchased for Sunday dinner. Police have set them down as the meanest type of looters. They took 17 cents from a child's purse. It is probable that they would have added more to their plunder, but they were interrupted by the return of the family.

T. Teuge reported the theft of his Rickenbacker coupe Friday. It was stolen while he was fishing at Fales Yendes. The car was found in Inglewood Monday evening.

Torrance police recovered an Essex roadster Sunday night that was stolen from Clifton by the Sea at Redondo Saturday night. The car was found in back of Jones' Chicken Inn.

Saturday night at 10:10, Herbert S. Wood, 1723 Marina, reported the theft of a camera, electric toaster, clothing and a bank containing about \$10. Thieves entered with a passkey.

Chief of Police Calder yesterday warned the public to guard against thieves. He said, "Our records show a steady increase in automobile thefts, the stripping of cars and petty thievery. Automobile owners should not leave their cars unlocked and should see to it that equipment on cars is locked. When leaving home see that the house is securely locked and windows fastened."

Eby in Narrow Bullet Escape

Torrance Merchant Barely Missed While Sitting in Home Room

Paul Eby narrowly escaped death or serious injury Tuesday night when a bullet crashed through the screen and glass of a window in his home and imbedded itself in a chair near which he was sitting.

Mr. Eby and family, who live on East Carson street, were seated in the front of their home at about 8 o'clock when the bullet broke the window. Mr. Eby rushed from the house and into the street, but failed to see anyone who might have fired the shot. He rushed to Steinhiber's filling station at Vermont and Carson where two men joined him. They searched through the slough for some time without success.

Mr. Eby believes that the bullet was fired into the air accidentally either by an adult or by a boy. That the bullet came from above was indicated by the fact that the hole in the screen was above that in the glass.

Mr. Eby scorns the idea that anyone was shooting at him, but he is hopeful that folks in that neighborhood who own guns will refrain in the future from shooting at the stars.

The bullet of 22 caliber is in the possession of Chief Calder.

MOTHER SUCCUMBS Mrs. J. T. Broomhall of 2203 Arlington avenue was called to Santa Ana Saturday, May 12, by the sudden death of her mother.

A real plan service. Consolidated Lumber Co.—adv

### Booth Resigns from Columbia

Manager of Torrance Plant Leaves; Becker Assumes Management

W. L. Booth, general manager of the Torrance plant of the Columbia Steel Corporation resigned last week. Mr. Booth's resignation will take effect on July 1.

N. A. Becker has taken over the management of the Torrance plant. Whether Mr. Becker will remain as manager here permanently has not been announced.

Mr. Booth has made no announcement regarding his future plans, but intends to take several months' rest.

Parent Teachers Name Mrs. Leake

She and Other Officers Elected Tuesday Will Take Office June 24

The Parent-Teachers' Association elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Mrs. N. A. Leake, president; Mrs. L. J. Acres, first vice president; Mrs. J. E. Hitchcock, second vice president; Mrs. Vera Godwin, secretary; Mrs. Harry Schneider, treasurer; Mrs. J. F. Stone, auditor; Mrs. J. H. Hill, historian; and Mrs. Carl L. Hyde, sergeant-at-arms. These officers will be installed at the meeting to be held on June 24.

Mrs. Edna R. Sheldon, assistant director of compulsory education and child welfare, gave a very interesting talk on the work of her department. She spoke of the many types of children, girls, that she has dealt with in her work. She stated that the problem children, came from problem homes. Besides the many types of children who have come up in the past a new type has come up lately, that of the girl with the religious mania.

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### BIG VOTE HERE IS URGED

Wood Points Out Necessity of Large Poll in Torrance

L. A. COSTS SHOWN LOW Construction Bill Per Pupil Under Prices Prevailing in Other Cities

The two active and all-embracing women's organizations in Torrance—the Women's Club and the Parent-Teachers' Association have gone on record as endorsing without qualification the school bond proposal on which people of the Los Angeles school district, including Torrance, will vote on June 2.

Principal Herbert Wood of the High School who is directing the campaign for bonds in Torrance urged members of the two organizations to be sure and vote and to help get out a large vote here.

"Torrance," said Mr. Wood, "is apparently wholeheartedly for the bonds for people here realize the necessity of keeping school facilities abreast of increasing school enrollment. In Los Angeles, where the account of the size of the city, individual voters are less closely in contact with their schools, some opposition to the issue has developed. It is therefore essential that the people of cities like Torrance who know the school situation at first hand vote in large numbers.

"Prior to election we shall send out to every registered voter a notice telling him where to vote. Citizens should save these notices on election day in order to avoid confusion."

Mr. Wood this week figured forward some eloquent figures regarding the cost of erecting school buildings in the Los Angeles district as contrasted with the cost for schools in other American cities.

Seven junior high school buildings recently constructed in Los Angeles cost \$381.69 per pupil capacity.

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Secretary Mellon rubbed his hands together with satisfaction. News had just come from the senate. That august body had just passed without a record vote the administration tax reduction bill, slashing income taxes to the tune of \$95,000,000. Democrats tried to cut more, but failed. The democratic effort to reduce taxes paid by small corporations was defeated. Corporations will pay \$94,000,000 less in taxes under the provisions of the bill. Other exemptions are added to this. The automobile tax is repealed.

Men with imagination but no money sighed. Following the announcement of a two-day passenger schedule from New York to Los Angeles by train and plane aeroplanes soared on the New York exchange. Curtiss and Wright stocks gained most. They were troubled since Charles A. Lindbergh had flown out of the mista on Le Bourget a year ago.

Before long folks signing Federal documents will not have to take an oath. The House passed a bill abolishing the practice and the Senate is expected to. If the bill is passed and signed persons filling government blanks or filing out income tax blanks will no longer have to appear before a notary or a justice of the peace. The House passed the bill unanimously.

Edith L. Cromwell, aged 35, is the mother of five children. She is suffering from ill-health. She wants no more children, feels that she has contributed her share to the race, and that the travail of childbirth in her present physical frailty, wedded to her is a strong, husky husband. He believes in large families, is opposed to birth control. What can a woman do in such a case? Appeal to the state? That is what Mrs. Cromwell tried to do. Police in Bridgeport, Conn., received her plaint, arrested the husband on a charge of breach of the peace. Prosecutor Shannon is delving into statutes seeking a precedent by which Mrs. Cromwell can be helped. A knotty question arises. Can the state inject itself into the affairs of a family to protect a weak woman who desires no more children from a husband who does?

Eyes glistened. Far back in the cheaper seats men screamed hoarsely. Down at the ringside other men, weather, but equally excited yelled. Sammy Mandell, jumping jack, lightweight boxing champion successfully defended his title against Jimmy McLarnin, defended it by administering a severe beating to the aspirant after the crown.

American policy in China was definitely outlined in a note from Secretary of State Kellogg to Nationalist Government in China. With lines of battle locked tight before Peking, the United States advised an orderly capture of Peking and Tsen-Tsin adding that the United States would protect her citizens and their property particularly in cities where foreign concessions exist.

M. Aristide Briand, who once received the Nobel prize for promoting peace has always held that France could not enter into a multi-lateral treaty outlawing war without going back on her League of Nations obligations. But our state department has contended otherwise. Now comes other League members greeting the Kellogg proposal for a general treaty against war as a world need.

Great Britain's dominions are "all in accord" with the idea, and will "support the lead to the utmost" an official note to the Washington government declares. The Kellogg proposed treaty is simply worded. It simply binds the nations who sign it not to resort, plain, easy to understand, France is the only nation so far to declare its provisions are unsatisfactory. Diplomats conclude therefore that France has commitments with other powers which bind her to go to war as their allies if certain events transpire.

Eastern states and many in the Mississippi Valley have lost population. Far western states have gained. The Federal constitution stipulates that a state's representation in Congress shall be on the basis of population. So western states and others, including Michigan proposed a bill calling for re-portionment. They lost. Representatives of states which would have lost representation outvoted those whose states would have gained. California would have gained six seats in the House.

John L. McNabb, San Francisco attorney, has been selected to nominate Herbert Hoover at the Kansas City convention.

The veto of President Coolidge is still shiny and bright. He has vetoed eight bills and promises to veto more. Those which he refused to sign are: Odell bill appropriating \$2,500,000 for roads on public domain and in Indian reservations; Jones bill to allow Indians in Washington to file claims against the government in courts of claims; bill to increase the pay of postal clerks working nights by 10 percent; bill allowing fourth class postmasters pay for rent, fuel, light equipment; bill setting up the nurses corps in the public

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